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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1-6 and 9-20 are allowable, and claims 7, 8, and 15 have been amended herein. A listing of claims can be found on pages 2-5 of the Reply. Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for courtesies extended during telephonic interviews on June 24, 2005 and June 27, 2005 in which it was indicated that amendment of claims 7, 8, and 15 would place all pending claims in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claim 7 and 8 Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's comments. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

10/726,829H0350/AMDP938USCONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [AMDP938US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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